

# **South Dakota**

## **LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

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### ***COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST MONTH***

**SIOUX FALLS, September 24, 1999** -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 80.1 million pounds during August. This was up 8 percent from last month but down 1 percent from one year ago, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. For August, beef production was up from a year ago, while pork, and sheep and lamb production were down.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 322,300 head during August compared to 353,600 head last year. Average live weight was 262 pounds, which was up 2 pounds from 1998. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 320,600 head, which was comprised of 38,600 sows and 282,100 barrows and gilts.

Commercial cattle slaughter for South Dakota totaled 24,400 head during August compared to 19,200 head last year. Average live weight was 1,380 pounds, which was up 40 pounds from 1998. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 22,500 head, which was comprised of 3,200 steers, 2,200 heifers, 12,500 cows, and 4,600 bulls.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,600 head during August compared to 4,300 head last year. Average live weight was 115 pounds, which was down 13 pounds from last year. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 1,500 head of lambs and yearlings.

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